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21 December 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Secretary of State  
for Research and Intelligence

SUBJECT: Consequences of a change in the political  
complexion of the French government in 1950  
(ORR 5-50)

REFERENCE: PCI Directive 3/1 dated 8 July 1948

1. Problem.

To estimate the effect on US security of a possible basic change  
in the political complexion of the French government in 1950.

2. Scope.

This paper will examine the likelihood of national elections in  
France in 1950 and will analyze the complexion and orientation of the  
resulting government. It will estimate the effect of any basic change  
upon US security.

3. Deadlines.

It is intended to have an ORR draft early in February.

4. Departmental Action Required.

a. The Office of Intelligence Research of the Department of  
State is invited to prepare the analyses of likelihood and result men-  
tioned in para. 2 above. To this end, OIR is requested to forward to  
[redacted] by 29 Decem-  
ber 1949 an outline setting forth the treatment proposed. Upon receipt  
of this outline, a meeting between representatives of OIR and ORR will  
be arranged to discuss the scope and treatment in the outline.

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25X1A b. [redacted] has been designated  
as representative for this project. It is requested that the name of a  
corresponding representative of OIR be notified to him upon receipt of  
this memorandum.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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